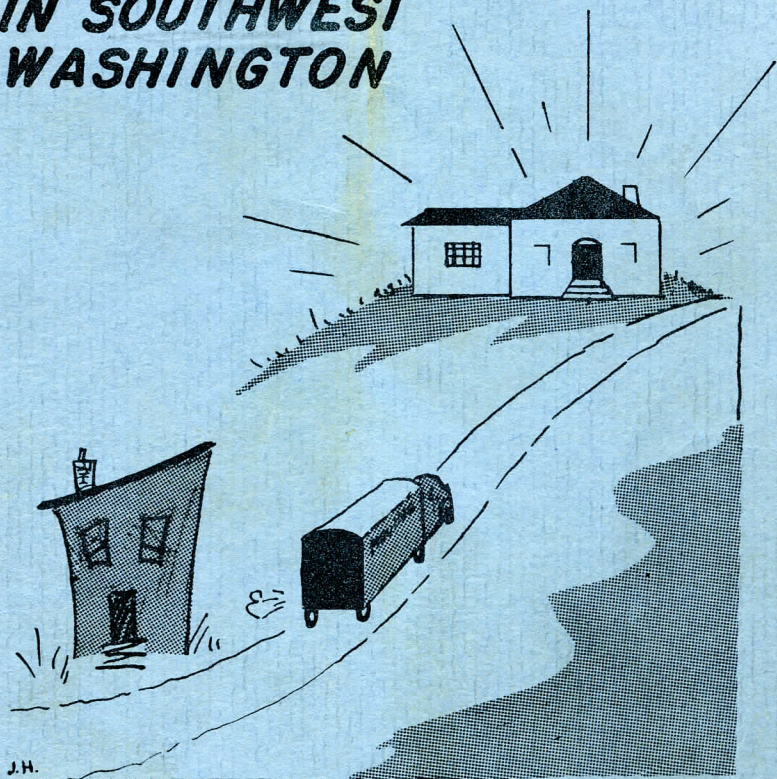


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Questions and
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about **RELOCATION**
**IN SOUTHWEST
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TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

The DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REDEVELOPMENT LAND AGENCY has prepared this booklet to answer some of your questions about how families who live in houses to be torn down in the Southwest area can find other housing. We hope the booklet will help you to understand what protection families can expect and how we can help them.

- The Land Agency has a detailed plan to help find new housing for families who have to move. We feel that many families will be happier in homes they find themselves. We must be sure, however, that the homes families find themselves are good dwellings with enough space for healthful living and at

rents or prices they can afford. Since some families may not be able to find new homes, we will have experienced workers who can help them.

These are answers to many of the questions you have asked us about this problem. We hope you will feel free to ask other questions you may have.

DOES THE LAND AGENCY HAVE TO MAKE PLANS FOR FAMILIES WHO MAY HAVE TO MOVE? ✓

Yes, two laws say that we must make plans. They are the D. C. Redevelopment Act of 1945 and the Housing Act of 1949.

WHAT DO THESE LAWS REQUIRE? ✓

These laws require two things:

1. We must have a practical plan for moving families out of houses to be torn down.

2. We must show that the number of good houses available or becoming available are the same as the number of families who must move.

WHAT IS A "PRACTICAL PLAN" FOR MOVING FAMILIES?

This means we must be able to show that families who have to move can be moved without great hardship to other homes which are as good or better than those they now have.

IS THIS A TEMPORARY MOVE?

It may be - especially if the families want to move back to Southwest after it is rebuilt.

HOW WILL FAMILIES KNOW IF THEY HAVE TO MOVE?

We will notify each family as soon as we purchase its house. Each family will be given sixty (60) days in which to find a good house. If a family is not able to find a good house with our help within sixty days, more time will be given.

WHAT HELP WILL THE LAND AGENCY GIVE TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE TO MOVE? ✓

We will establish a field office in the Southwest area where experienced workers will help individual families to find new homes.

HOW WILL THE LAND AGENCY KNOW THE NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE TO MOVE? ✓

We will visit each family in the area to find out how large the families are, what their incomes are and what each family wants.

HOW WILL THE LAND AGENCY FIND NEW HOMES? ✓

We will use, to the best advantage, the help offered us by the real estate groups, the National Capital Housing Authority and the Washington Housing Center. These groups have offered to help us find good homes for families who have to move. The general public will also be asked to help.

CAN FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES GET INTO PUBLIC HOUSING?

Yes, under the law families with low incomes, who have to move, will be given first chance in vacancies in public housing.

WILL ALL FAMILIES IN THE SOUTHWEST AREA HAVE TO MOVE AT ONE TIME? ✓

No, only two or three blocks will be cleared at one time so that families will have a better chance to find good homes.

WILL ANY FAMILY BE EVICTED? ✓

No family will be evicted unless it fails to pay rent or fails to accept a good home offered to it.

CAN FAMILIES RETURN TO SOUTHWEST AFTER IT IS REBUILT? ✓

Yes, we are planning the new housing in the Southwest to meet the needs of as many as possible of the families now living there. Builders will be required to give these families preference.

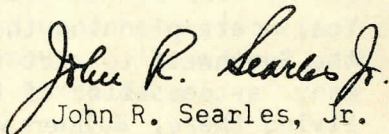
WHAT HELP WILL BE GIVEN BUSINESSES WHICH
HAVE TO MOVE? ✓

If it is necessary for a business to move, we will be ready to help it move to an equally good location.

HOW WILL THE LAND AGENCY HELP FAMILIES WITH
SPECIAL HEALTH OR SOCIAL PROBLEMS? ✓

Our staff will be able to help most of the families with health and social problems. In addition, the major health and welfare agencies of the city will be asked to help where needed.

If you have other questions about the plans for rehousing families who have to move, please telephone or come to see the Chief of our Relocation Section. He may be reached at 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., or by calling National 6000, extension 531.


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